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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)		
STABILIZING OPERATION POINT)		
AND OPTICAL OUTPUT OF)		
EXTERNAL OPTICAL MODULATOR)		

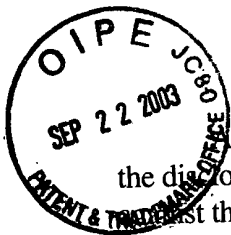
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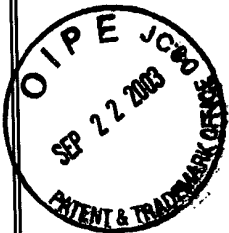
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